



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Ms. Tanya Mitchell

District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)
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Re: ANC 6A Support for the 2017 Rock and Roll Marathon

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on January 12, 2017, our Commission voted 8-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the 2017 Rock 'n' Roll USA Marathon & Half Marathon.

We are pleased that organizers have committed to an extensive community notification plan, which includes posting road closure signs all along and near the race route, as well as leaving door-hangers at residences along and near the route. We understand that a notice will also be placed in our local community newspaper, the Hill Rag. We are also pleased that you have undergone an effort to find ways to ensure residents around the C Street NE portion of the course are not prevented from movement from their neighborhood during the race for as little time as possible. Additionally, we would like to urge MPD to reopen street closures as soon as all runners and clean-up crews have cleared the street. In previous years, roads have remained closed longer than needed, imposing an undue inconvenience on residents.

In years past, members of the community expressed concerns regarding pickup of trash, clothing and signs, as well as exhaust fumes of many trucks waiting to clean up the course. After meeting with race organizers, we have been assured that clean-up trucks will not be permitted to idle and that staging of these trucks will occur away from homes in the RFK Stadium complex area. Our ANC has also been assured that trash pick-up will occur immediately following the event and all posted signs will be removed the day after.

We are also encouraged that that no amplified music or performances will occur in Lincoln Park this year. However, we remain concerned about the volume level of performances at a stage located in the Auto Zone parking lot on the 1200 Block of H Street NE. Last year, nearby residents lodged noise complaints, and neighbors as far south as C Street NE have said they were able to hear music from this stage, which we would consider excessive. We appreciate that the race organizers will mitigate the level of volume at this location by placing a quieter band on that stage.

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@yahoo.com, anc6a@yahoo.com, and newhilleast@yahoo.com, at www.anc6a.org, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.



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Finally, we would like to voice our support for the race's current route along H Street NE. The Rock and Roll Marathon and Half Marathon have used this route for as long as the race has taken place in DC - more than a decade. Its presence brings welcome support for local businesses on H Street NE and provides our community with a source of new attention to our booming commercial corridor. We would oppose any plan to re-route the race on a nearby residential street.

Given the race organizers' responsiveness and their commitment to meeting the above conditions, ANC 6A is pleased to continue to support this event.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Charles Allen
DDOT Associate Director for Public Space Matthew Marcou
ANC6C Chair Karen Wirt
Ms. Diane Romo Thomas